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<p>1. German people of all classes are almost universally opposed to rearmament. The chief objection is the shortage of skilled help that already exists and would be aggravated if a part of the supply had to be used in arms production. The shortage is a real one of which any individual who must hire a carpenter or plumber is aware. I was told by Mayor Adenauer of Köln there is a shortage of 20,000 electricians in that area alone.</p> <p>2. The people are completely disillusioned about military glory and the destiny of the Aryan race to rule the world. There is no fear of the Soviets, whom they think are bluffing.</p> <p>3. The more intelligent realize they must rearm some day to protect themselves but the lower classes regard it only as a price they must pay to be rid of occupation troops.</p> <p>4. Despite the aversion to rearmament, I feel sure the young men needed for military service will go willingly.</p> <p>5. Among business men I find a universal desire for trade with the East and a deep resentment against the restrictions on their activities while they see the UK and France enjoying such business. In Berlin, we see numerous inquiries for tires for Czechoslovakia and Poland which Americans ignore. It is a standing joke to call the Dunlop office and report we have an order for them.</p>	
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